

## STRONG IN BODY

Men of Genius by No Means an Unhealthy Lot.

Lives of Many of the World's Greatest Men Show That Mental Power and Strength Go Together.

The popular idea that geniuses are usually physical weaklings or men of poor health is vigorously combated by Prof. Rudolph M. Binder of New York University. As a matter of fact, says Professor Binder, according to the New York Sun, it is only because there has been so much comment about the comparatively few physical weaklings who were geniuses that the tradition has grown that exceptional mental power and bodily weakness are related conditions.

Declaring his belief that there is no weakling genius who would not have been a greater one had he been of sound body, Professor Binder points out that most of the world's greatest geniuses were not only healthy, but often of more than ordinary physical strength.

"Illustrations of this could be extended indefinitely," said Professor Binder, "but it is necessary to mention only a few shining examples down the ages. Let's begin with Socrates. The great philosopher served as a hoplite, which means that he was a member of what we in modern terms would designate as shock troops. He was seventy years old when he was condemned to drink the hemlock."

"Coming down many centuries, Sir Isaac Newton lived to be eighty-five, and was strong and healthy and a hard worker till within a short time of his death. Darwin was born with a rugged constitution, which he ruined by his failure to care for it, but it enabled him to accomplish a remarkable amount of work before he died at the age of seventy-three."

"If proof were needed that Herbert Spencer was born with an iron constitution it would be provided by that incident of his boyhood when at the age of thirteen he walked 48 miles one day, 47 the second and 29 the third, and with very little food during the three days. Spencer is another man who injured his health by the lack of care of himself, but if he had not been naturally strong he would not have lived to be eighty-three."

"Even Shakespeare who died at fifty-two, might be said to have lived a good life considering the amount of work he did as playwright, actor and manager. Goethe, an exceedingly busy man, was in good health almost to the time of his death at eighty-three. "Of the four probably most famous Italians Dante lived to be only fifty-eight, but his life was one of arduous labor; Leonardo da Vinci, an athlete who outstripped far younger men in feats of strength, was nearly sixty-seven; Michelangelo worked furiously most of his ninety years, and Galileo enjoyed good health till his death at seventy-eight."

"It was because the population as a whole was strong in body that Athens produced such a remarkable number of geniuses in the days of its glory, and if we want to increase the number of geniuses in the world today the way to accomplish it is to improve the health of all the people."

### Flowers Unfold in Four Series.

A flower is usually made up of four different kinds of parts, arranged in circles, or whorls, one within the other. Outwardmost are the sepals, making up the calyx; they are usually firm and green. They protect the bud and steady the opened flower. Next comes the petals, making up the corolla; they are usually delicate and colored, often fragrant and often making nectar; they thus attract insect visitors, and they are also useful in protecting the even more important parts further in.

The third whorl consists of the red, like stamens, whose heads or anthers make the golden yellow fertilizing dust or pollen. The innermost parts of the fourth tier are the carpels, which bear microscopic egg cells, each of which, if fertilized, will develop into an embryo plant; or, to put it in another way, the carpels bear possible seeds or ova, which become real seeds when the fertilizing golden dust penetrates into them.

### How Rodents Spent Nights.

Spying on the night habits of mice and other small rodents is now occupying the attention of Vernon Bailey of the biological survey of the Department of Agriculture.

He lets some of them sleep on a sleeping porch and flashes a light on them at various times. Others spend the evening with him in the library. Another lot he has placed in a room at outdoor temperature so that he can find out how they hibernate for the winter.

Mr. Bailey is observing a bat in addition to 15 different kinds of rodents that he captured alive in Arizona last spring, and he also is studying his beavers that live at the National Zoological park.

### More Appropriate.

The Host of the Gruball Inn—That's a new pennant I had designed to hoist over the inn. What do you think of it?

The Guest—Very pretty. Captain Kidd flew the skull and crossbones.

### Still Survive.

"I have one grudge against 'Noah.' 'What is that?'"

"He took a lot of old anecdotes into the ark."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### Stars in Daylight.

Photographs of stars down to the sixth magnitude can be taken in broad daylight. If the photographs are taken through a deep red screen, the stars appear with distinctness. Important results are expected from experiments.

## CORNWALL LAND OF FAIRIES

People of That English County Firmly Believe in Existence of the "Little People."

A Cornish handbook recently published mentions that there are five distinct varieties of fairies in Cornwall and enumerates them as follows: "The 'Small People,' who were supposed to be the pre-Christian inhabitants; these are gradually fading away."

The "Spriggans," attached to cairns, cromlechs and other ancient monuments, with which it was unlucky to meddle. "The 'Piskies,' full of mischief and finding great joy in leading mortals astray."

The "Buccas," spirits of the mines, associated in local legend with men from the East, doomed to work underground until the Resurrection.

The "Brownies," kindly and good, the spirits of the household, ever ready to do what they could to assist mankind.

There are numerous legends of the adventures of mortals with these fairies and only a few years ago men returning from Redruth, Truro, Penzance and some other market town would turn their coats inside out before venturing to cross the wild moors or downs, in order to guard against being led away by the Piskies.

Once a miller, working in one of the levels, heard his name called distinctly. He was afraid to follow the voice and went on with his work. His name was called again and this time more vehemently. The miller threw down his hammer and went to investigate. Almost immediately a mass of rock fell on the spot where he had been working. The warning had saved his life.

The Buccas or Knockers were so feared at one time that people who had to pass a disused mine after dark took special precautions to prevent their presence being known.

### Variation in Opinion.

One woman was telling another about a birthday gift she had just given her husband, and how she had saved for weeks from her house money to get it. The other woman was shocked:

"Why, Nellie, how could you! I wouldn't dream of giving my husband a present out of his own money! I earned every cent for his Christmas gift, made kimono and dressing sacks for some friends."

And a man, who was near enough to overhear, said to his companion: "If I had a wife like that, I'd frame her."

"I wouldn't want her at any price. She's too good to be true. My old girl cheats me out of every cent she can lay her hands on. I'm used to it. It's one of the rules of the ring. Wouldn't want her to be different."

Which seems to show the variety of opinions—undoubtedly a wise dispensation of nature, since life would be somewhat monotonous if all of us were made in the same mold—like candles. —Washington Star.

### New Ideas for the State.

It is reported that a play entitled, "The Island of Monkeys," in which the players are all to be dressed in the guise of various sorts of apes, is shortly to be produced in Milan, Italy. In view of Rostand's successful dramatization of the dwellers of a barnyard, one will wait until after the premiere to say that it can't be done. Then there was the opera "Woodland," in which all the characters were birds. David Belasco's press department for some time nourished a rumor that the producer had in preparation a drama in which all the characters were insects. This manager secured very nearly as much publicity for this odd notion as William Gillette did for his persistently reported intention to play Hamlet. Dramatic editors in many cities devoted many columns to argument that the ideal impersonator of Sherlock Holmes would not make an even passable prince of Denmark. —Christian Science Monitor.

### Business Girls Park High Shoes.

"Do you know the latest thing the girls are 'parking' in our office?" asked the office boy.

His mother, at home, couldn't guess.

"Their high shoes. The girls that live in the country have to wear high shoes to get through the snow and slush on the way to the train, but they can't afford to be seen in anything but low, French heeled pumps in town. It isn't being done. They bring in the pumps in a handbag without their mothers knowing it—I bet—and as soon as they take off their hats and coats off go the high shoes and on go the slippers. They have the glory of walking out at noon with them on and then they return to the high shoes at 5 o'clock."—New York Sun.

### Question of Jurisdiction.

Judge Solon Carter, of Superior court, recently was called on to hear the divorce case of George vs. Martha Washington. When the combatants for matrimonial freedom arrived, they were colored folks. Judge Carter, with his fine sense of humor glanced at the plaintiff, and said:

"George versus Martha Washington. I don't believe this court would have jurisdiction. Shouldn't this go to Virginia?"

George Washington looked up at the judge, shook his head negatively and exclaimed:

"No, Judge, not Virginia—she's from Indiana avenue!"—Indianapolis News.

### Among the Arabian Tribes.

Among the Arabian tribes, when the master goes on a trip across the country on his camel, he has two goatskins filled with milk swung across the animal's back and the contents are churned into butter by the rolling stride of the animal.

## Alma High School Notes

Mr. Barnhart acted as chairman for last Friday's Chapel period. As first on the program he introduced Lois Smith, one of the people who will represent Alma at the Music contest at Mt. Pleasant. She sang a very pleasing soprano solo. Niles Chaffin was second in turn with an oration, "A Survey of Athletics." He said that athletics in the schools of the country have become tainted by professionalism, that not enough of the men in the school are given opportunity for physical training or body development. The inter-school contests are over shadowed by a desire to win rather than bodily good, he said.

Marion Grover then sang one of her contralto solos. Bernard Graham spoke of "The Control of the Pacific." He referred to Japan as our greatest rival and pleaded for American protection. To close the program, Russell Johnson rendered two very good violin solos.

The schedule outlining the curriculum, is now nearly completed. Since practically every teacher is to remain for next year, the subjects will not vary to any considerable extent. Perhaps the only change deemed necessary was the addition of a class in advanced Public Speaking. The Juniors are already being instructed as to next year's election of subjects and the lower classes have been consulted in the preparation of the schedule. The entire course is being worked out in splendid shape and will be complete in the next few days.

On Tuesday the rest of the program to be given by the music contestants was staged. There were a double trio of girls, a quartet, and two solos. Kenneth Holmes sang a bass solo and Miles Chaffin a tenor solo. All the numbers were very enjoyable. At the close of the program, a free will offering was taken to defray the expense of the contestants.

### BRECKENRIDGE

A very pretty wedding took place Thursday, May 18, at high noon at the home of the bride's parents in Breckenridge, when Miss Bertha Sexton, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Sexton, was united in marriage to Mr. Ralph C. Jansen of Battle Creek. The rooms were very prettily decorated in pink and green. The bridal chorus was played by Miss Chirila Mills of Freeland, as the bride party descended the stairs and took their places beneath a bower of palms and roses. Rev. W. H. Puhley performed the ceremony using the beautiful ring service.

Little Alva Sexton acting as ring bearer carried the ring in a large calla lily. The bride was attended by Miss Grace Pritchard of Saginaw, and the groom was attended by Mr. Alfred Sexton of Saginaw. After congratulations had been extended, a four course wedding dinner was served. The newly weds left in the evening for Grand Rapids and other points for a short honeymoon trip and will be at home after June 1st, at 73 Aldrich St., Battle Creek, Mich.

At the regular meeting of the Breckenridge chapter of the O. E. S. held on Friday evening, the following officers were installed: Worthy matron, Mattie Watson; Worthy patron, Elmer Keane; Asso. Matron, Nellie Baldwin; Secretary, Cora Ward; Treasurer, Tillie Huntton; Com. Adelaide Potter; Asso. Com. Blanche Hare; Ada, Jessie Keane; Ruth, Thelma Huntton; Esther, Louise Stroupe; Martha, Margaret Shepherd; Electa, Effie Myers; Chaplain, Bessie Colthorp; Marshall, Eleanor Watson; Warden, Lara Myers; Sentinel, Ida Wind.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shafer entertained their children, Sunday to a pot luck dinner. The following people were present, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hicks and son, Kendall of Alma, Mr. and Mrs. Al. Emery and daughter, Thelma, Mr. Elmer Gould, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Emery and two little daughters, Pauline and Aline.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Davis motored to Saginaw, Saturday, to send the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hynes and daughter Lanh of Wheeler spent Sunday evening with her sister, Mrs. Agnes Crawford.

### TOWN LINE

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Obyrant of Forest Hill called on the later's sister, Mrs. Leslie Hoyt and family, Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ferris of Forest Hill were callers in this vicinity Monday evening.

Merle Leland and Glen Weaver spent Friday afternoon at the Pine School.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Church spent Friday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Church.

School closed at the Brick school house, Friday with a picnic for the children.

Mrs. Matt Johnson and little son spent Thursday with Mrs. Fred Kyes.

Silvers Abbott of Seville was a caller at Frank Whitcraft's Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Charles Smith returned home Thursday after spending the week with Mrs. Hubbard of Alma who has been ill with the mumps.

George and Harold Shoemaker spent Friday with the Whitcraft boys.

Miss Pauline Isham spent the week end with her parents at Middleton.

Cecil Johnson of Alma was a caller at F. Whitcraft's Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Miller and Mrs. Anna Cress called on Mr. and Mrs. Matt Johnson and family, Sunday.

Claude Church and Charles Smith were fishing near Harrison over Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Schiff and daughter were callers at Elwell on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Nelson were visiting relatives at Saginaw.

### ELY DISTRICT

Lloyd Brown moved away the first of last week.

Mrs. Ray Taylor of near Carson City, spent the week end with Mrs. A. F. Nestle.

Beulah and Isabelle Dalrymple were visitors at the Ely, Thursday of last week.

This community was shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Marion Parks which occurred late last Wednesday afternoon. Funeral services were held at the house Saturday and interment in Emerson cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Forney of St. Louis and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bailey of Alma, were Sunday callers at A. F. Nestle's.

N. Satterlee and family were Sunday visitors at Floyd Bacon's.

Chas. Andrews and family entertained company Sunday.

Kenneth Bradford is slowly on the gain.

Frank Nestle and family of Lansing, spent Sunday at A. F. and Alfred Nestle's.

Charles, with his father and mother, was spending the day at the home of his grandparents. When he had finished his dinner he excused himself, as he wished to play with his toys. Upon being prompted to say "Thank you, grandma," he seriously added, "Good dinner—and good supper, too, I hope."

### OBITUARY

Death visited the home of Mrs. Maude Gorman of Alma and took from it a loving and devoted daughter. Margaret Gorman was born Christmas day, 1900 and died May 15, 1922, following a short and painful affliction of the spine.

The funeral was held from St. Mary's church, where a high requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. Father O'Toole, former pastor of this parish. During his pastorate here, Margaret received instructions for her first Holy Communion.

Father O'Toole in a few chosen words told the story of her young life. He compared her to a flower whose memory lingers as the fragrance of the rose even after it is gone.

It was always her greatest desire to receive our blessed Lord in the Sacrament of the Altar. Her piety during Lent, especially through Holy Week was an edifying and an inspiration to the little circle in which she moved. She was a devout member of the young ladies Sodality of St. Mary's church, also an active member of the American Legion auxiliary and the Alpha, Alpha Omega club.

The beautiful and numerous floral offerings bespeak the high esteem in which Margaret was held, and are a loving testimony of the sympathy extended to the bereaved family.

The choir consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Goggin, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Demers, and Louise McLaughlin, accompanied by Evangeline Sawkins, organist. They sang in an appropriate manner:

"Lead Kindly Light," and Nearer My God to Thee."

The young ladies Sodality attended the funeral in a body.

The pall bearers were John Dumas, James Kennedy, Mr. Fuller, Harold Naucozell, James and Gilbert Barry.

Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery.

The deceased is survived by a heart broken mother, three sisters three brothers and grandparents.

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